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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION: SIGNING OF PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENT

1. JAMES B. CLAWSON, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY, IS MAKING PLANS ATTEND SIGNING CEREMONY OTTAWA MAY 8. WILL FURNISH TRAVEL DETAILS WHEN ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

2. IN REPORTING TO TOM STEED, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT, ON DEPARTMENT'S PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATING PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENTS WITH CANADA, BAHAMAS AND BERMUDA, DEPARTMENT LETTER EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED MAY 1 CONCLUDES WITH FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:

QUOTE IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANT PART THAT YOU AND YOUR SUBCOMMITTEE PLAYED IN THIS RESULT, I SHOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE IF THERE WAS REPRESENTATION FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE AT THE
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SIGNING OF THE CANADIAN AGREEMENT. THE PRECLEARANCE

AGREEMENT AND IMPORTANT NEW AIR ROUTE AND CHARTER AGREEMENTS WITH CANADA ARE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR SIGNING MAY 8 AT OTTAWA BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WILLIAM J. PORTER FOR THE UNITED STATES AND BY MITCHELL SHARP, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND JEAN MARCHAND, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT FOR CANADA. I HOPE THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WILL BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT FOR THIS OCCASION. UNQUOTE

3. STEED AND HIS SUBCOMMITTEE SHEPHERDED PRECLEARANCE LEGISLATION THROUGH HOUSE. HE AND COLLEAGUES VISITED TORONTO AND MONTREAL TO INVESTIGATE PHYSICAL FACILITIES OF AIRPORTS THERE IN CONNECTION THEIR CONSIDERATION OF MATTER. WE UNDERSTAND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING SIGNING CEREMONY, BUT UNCERTAIN WHETHER OTHER COMMITMENTS WILL PERMIT. IN EVENT LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR SHOULD PERMIT, CHAIRMAN STEED AND HOWARD ROBISON, RANKING REPUBLICAN MEMBER, WOULD BE MOST LIKELY SUBCOMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND. RUSH

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